two years, a number of new areas/structures were identified in the following basins:—

Cambay basin, Himalyan Foothills, Vindhyan basin, Cauvery basin, Krishna-Godavari basin, Upper Assam basin, Assam-Arakan Fold belt, Ganga Valley basin, Rajasthan basin and East Coast and West Coast basin.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Merger of CRL and MRL with public sector oil companies

851. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to merge Cochin Refineries Ltd. (CRL) and Madras Refineries Ltd. (MRL) with some public sector oil companies is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, whether the proposal would be in the interest of these refineries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The Govt. have yet to take a view on the subject.

Production of Gas from Tapti Fields

852. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of gas from Tapti fields has gone up to 20 MCMD;

(b) if so, to whom the gas has been allocated;

(c) whether it is a fact that the allocation of gas is being made to others, denying the Gujarat of its legitimate demand of 2.25 MCMD for Pipavav Power Project; and

(d) how much gas has been diverted to HBJ pipeline in last four